

proposal that we passed last year and we correctly passed it last year. It will allow for those individuals who do not itemize to have the opportunity to use the federal allowable deduction and it is appropriate that at this time this body says, we never intended to penalize those people. It does not state that we made a mistake when we passed 773, but what this says is that we have looked at 773 and we realize that the concept was a correct one but the final form that it came out needed adjustment and this adjustment is the proper one. Everyone I think understands what that adjustment is through the handouts, through the news stories that have been out there and I think there probably needs very little debate on the topic. I would urge the body at this time to adopt the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I rise to support the amendment. I'm another who has received any number of calls and meetings as a result of the problems that were not anticipated as a result of 773 last year. I had passed out some examples. They should be on your desks now. These are actual examples of cases that came right out of a tax office from someone who prepares taxes. The first one that you can see is a widow over 65, one child retarded, '87 adjusted gross income and it is pretty well self-explanatory. You can see that their state tax is a percentage of the federal tax and this particular case was 26.1 percent. Example two, is married, two children, adjusted gross income 24,692. You can go on down the list, the exemptions, the federal, the state. You can see that the state tax is a percentage of the federal tax, was 25.9 percent. Colleagues, I think what we are attempting to do here is put some equity back into the system which I'm certain many of us had no idea, at the time, of the severity of the problem that would be generated by 773. I think that we have a responsibility to the people in the state to address the issue. This amendment is certainly one way to address the issue in a responsible manner and I would urge your support of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, followed by Senator Lamb.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to support the amendment as well as commend Senator Labeledz for introducing